

RECREATION, LIBRARIES AND AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

12-0440R

REPLACEMENT

RESOLUTION REGARDING SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS AND
CLOSED CAPTION BROADCASTING FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS.

BY COUNCILORS LARSON AND KRUG:

WHEREAS, it is important for council meetings to be open and accessible to all including constituents who are deaf or hard of hearing; and

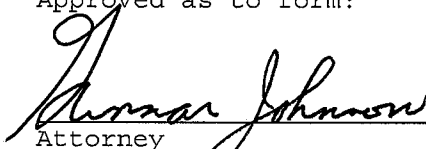
WHEREAS, there is no current process for constituents to request a sign language interpreter for council meetings; and

WHEREAS, council meetings broadcast with closed captioning would also be beneficial for constituents who are deaf or hard of hearing or who may benefit from the voice associated with the captioning.

THEREFORE, BY IT RESOLVED, that the council hereby requests city administration establish a policy for constituents to request a sign language interpreter for council meetings including the following: Requests for sign language interpreter services should be made to the city clerk's office and at least two business days prior to a scheduled meeting; interpreter services are for on-site meeting participation only and are not generally broadcast by PACT TV;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the council requests PACT TV review the feasibility of broadcasting city council meetings with closed captioning.

Approved as to form:



Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution requests city administration establish a process for constituents to request a sign language interpreter for council meetings and further requests PACT TV review the feasibility of broadcasting council meetings with closed captioning.